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South Shore Habitat for Humanity receives over \$14K from individuals and companies in response to the theft and vandalism of their Stoughton property

WEYMOUTH, MA ISSUED NOVEMBER 28, 2011...More than \$14,000 in pledged donations from individuals and companies has helped mitigate the unfortunate setback that South Shore Habitat for Humanity's Stoughton project was dealt Sunday, November 20th, when thieves vandalized the property and stole tools and equipment. However, the true spirit of Thanksgiving was realized through the help of those who rallied to assist.

"We are so thankful to all who have come forward to help, said Martine Taylor, Executive Director for South Shore Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to the extensive media coverage we have received, the phones have not stopped ringing with offers to help, including offers for volunteering, skilled construction labor, tool donations, alarm company support and both individual and corporate financial pledges. The outpouring of support is remarkable!" said Taylor.

At this time, the organization does have the necessary volunteer labor lined up to finish the home in Stoughton and has received enough money to pay for the tools that were stolen. However, Taylor is still receiving requests on how to help. "The best way to support us now is to make donations payable to South Shore Habitat and note "Stoughton" with your gift. All monies received will be allocated to the completion of this home and moving the family in as soon as possible."

South Shore Habitat wishes to thank the following for their financial support:

Arbella Charitable Foundation - \$5,000

Eastern Bank - \$5,000

Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers, Inc. - \$500

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About South Shore Habitat for Humanity (SSHH)

South Shore Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need. SSHH is based in Weymouth and serves 35 cities and towns south and southwest of Boston. Founded in 1986 as an independent, nonprofit organization, SSHH works in partnership with families, volunteers, congregations, and community and business leaders to help local families living in inadequate housing realize the dream of homeownership. Since its inception the organization has built 50 homes and provided housing for 210 families. South Shore Habitat for Humanity has a home under construction in Stoughton and has recently broken ground in Norwell. Plans for Easton are in the development phase.

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